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TO : Mr. McDermott

DATE: 12/11/74

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FROM : Mr. Heim

SUBJECT: "THE FAMILY MAN"
BY ROBIN MOORE, WITH MILT MACHLIN
BOOK REVIEW

SYNOPSIS

Captioned book was forwarded to Mr. Kelley by Knight's Prison Library of New York City, without cover letter, and contains a handwritten notation on inside page with an illegible signature which reads "Merry Christmas, 1974." Same page gives credit for assistance in preparing material on organized crime and the FBI to former SA William D. Kane (EOD 8/4/52, clerk; resigned 9/15/67). Book concerns organized crime in New York area with main characters Pat Conte, a New York City policeman, Governor's Special Counsel on Crime in the Streets, U. S. Congressman from New York and finally a candidate for Governor, who is an active member of one of the Mafia "families," and his cousin, Regan Doyle, first a New York City policeman and then an FBI Agent who investigates organized crime. The book rehashes all the old criticisms of the late J. Edgar Hoover and the FBI's refusal to believe such an organization as Mafia existed, but beginning on page 575 contains a reference to Mr. Kelley which is extremely insulting and implies that he is a tool of the President. Moore who also wrote "The Green Berets" is allegedly friendly with members of anti-Castro Cuban organizations. Machlin, an editor of "Argosy" magazine, wrote a book casting doubt on the guilt of Caryl Chessman. Kane, a former SA, subsequent to his voluntary resignation, testified at a New York State Liquor Authority Hearing to information which he had gained while employed as a Bureau Agent. He also attempted to obtain an FBI report for "Life" magazine from Agents of the New York Office.

RECOMMENDATION:

None For information.

- 1 - Mr. McDermott
- 1 - Mrs. Metcalf

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Mr. Heim to Mr. McDermott Memorandum
RE: "THE FAMILY MAN" BY ROBIN MOORE, WITH MILT MACHLIN, BOOK
REVIEW

Captioned book was forwarded to Mr. Kelley by Knight's Prison Library, 753 Ninth Avenue, New York, New York, without cover letter. A handwritten notation on an inside page with an illegible signature reads "Merry Christmas, 1974." This same page carries an acknowledgement paragraph thanking Bill Kane (William D. Kane) who served for fifteen years with the FBI, ten of them as head of the Mafia Squad in the New York Office, and as chief consultant and director of research for "Life" magazine's Mafia series, thanking him for his invaluable assistance in preparing material on organized crime and the FBI for this book.

"THE FAMILY MAN"

This appears to be a very knowledgeable book about various organized crime "families" in the New York area, which centers about the activities of a young family member, Pat Conte, who becomes a New York City policeman while still carrying out "hits" and other assignments for the "Family," leaves the police department for an assignment out of the Governor's office as Special Counsel on Crime in the Streets, serves two terms as a United States Congressman from New York, and then runs for Governor--still maintaining his ties and activities with the "Family."

Another of the main characters, Regan Doyle, a cousin of Pat Conte, starts out as a New York City policeman but early in his career becomes an FBI Agent. Doyle is interested in wiping out organized crime and eventually, he's not sure when, suspects that Conte is a member of the Mafia but is unable to get any solid proof.

MENTION OF THE FBI:

There are numerous references to the FBI throughout the book, most of which rehash the old, well-publicized criticisms concerning the late J. Edgar Hoover, the FBI's refusal to believe that such a thing as organized crime exists, and our mishandling of the Valachi admissions.

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On Page 575, the author refers to Mr. Kelley as "the chief who had succeeded Pat Gray, who had succeeded J. Edgar Hoover." On the day before the election which will see Pat Conte become Governor of New York, Regan Doyle who is now convinced he has the evidence he needs, is called to Washington for a conference with Mr. Kelley. Regan is sure that Mr. Kelley, an ex-cop, a pro, an ex-Special Agent, will understand in a way that Hoover never could have. The following conversation between Mr. Kelley and Regan Doyle ensues:

"That report you sent in. It's dynamite."
"I know," Doyle said, "I've been working on it one way or another for nearly twenty years."
"You deserve a lot of credit," the chief said, "but you have to have one hell of a case before you move on something like this. This would be a national scandal. It would look very bad for our government."
"But I've got a witness, an eyewitness."

Mr. Kelley then produces a telegram and confirmation that Regan's eyewitness has been found dead. The conversation continues:

"We've still got a case. We've got Terli's confession on tape. We got a witness to the tape. We got that cigarette case."

"You know better than that. Without Terli we've got nothing. They'd laugh us out of court."

"What about the cigarette case with the fingerprints on it?"

"We haven't even dusted it yet."

"But suppose the three sets of prints are on it?"

"You think we can prove in court that they were made on the murder site, with the witness dead now? Maybe somebody robbed the thing and sold it to Terli. Maybe Terli let Pat take a cigarette out of it. There could be a lot of maybes that don't make it into a murder case. You know the rules of evidence. The U. S. Attorney would laugh us out of his office, let alone a jury."

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"Well, we can bring charges against Conte on fraud. We can check out his income. We could put the IRS on it. It'll knock him out of the Governor's race for sure."

The chief turned in his swivel chair away from Doyle, toward the wall, toward the flags hanging behind him. He seemed to be speaking into the wall.

"I don't think I'm getting through to you, Doyle. This is not just my opinion. It's what I've been told by the Attorney General's office.

The Director sighed, unhappily.

"And between you and me, the Attorney General got the word from higher up too. Would you believe that we've got to drop this case for reasons of national security?"

"Jesus!" Regan said, softly. "Where does it all end?"

"Stick with it, Doyle," the chief said, "but don't push it. It'll all add up some day. Jobs change, offices change. Look at me. Did anybody ever think I'd be in this seat?" He extended his hand to Doyle. "You've done a terrific job. At least you and I know that, and I won't forget it."

AUTHORS:

Robin Moore, born Robert Lowell Moore, Jr., October 31, 1925, is the author of such books as "The Green Berets," "The French Connection," and "The Happy Hooker." Bufiles reflect that he has had connections with members of anti-Castro Cuban organizations, and that his name and address were found in the address book of a woman who has been connected with the Fair Play for Cuba Committee in Jamaica.

Milt Machlin, born Milton Robert Machlin, June 26, 1924, is an editor of "Argosy" magazine and is the author of "Ninth Life," which is a story about Caryl Chessman which appears to cast doubt on the guilt of Chessman.

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WILLIAM DAVID KANE

Kane, a former Special Agent, entered on duty with the FBI as a clerk August 4, 1952, and was appointed as a Special Agent in September, 1954. He submitted his resignation effective September 15, 1967, to pursue an opportunity of great benefit to his family.

Some two months after Kane voluntarily resigned from the Bureau, he appeared at a New York Liquor Authority Hearing regarding an investigator for that agency. Kane identified himself at that time as being an investigator for the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce. During the hearing, Kane testified to information which he had gained while employed as a Bureau Agent.

On May 26, 1971, the New York Office advised that information had been obtained during the course of a sensitive investigation that Kane had contacted Special Agents of the New York Office in an attempt to obtain an FBI report for "Life" magazine, concerning a presidential appointee. In view of this action on the part of Kane, Agents of the New York Office were instructed to have no contact with him without prior specific Bureau approval.

Byairtel 10/2/72, the New York Office submitted a news article from the New York Sunday News which indicated Kane had been selected to head a private anticrime organization under the name of "The Long Island Committee for Crime Control, Inc.," which was allegedly to act as a "buffer" between the citizen and law enforcement agencies and would give particular emphasis to organized crime infiltration of legitimate business.



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TO : W. C. Sullivan

FROM : D. J. Brennan, Jr.

SUBJECT: "THE GREEN BERETS" BY
ROBERT LOWELL MOORE, JR., aka
ROBIN MOORE

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 5/5/65

1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - W. A. Branigan
1 - W. R. Wannall
1 - [redacted]
1 - Liaison
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memoranda indicate that classified information is disclosed in
Moore's book [redacted]

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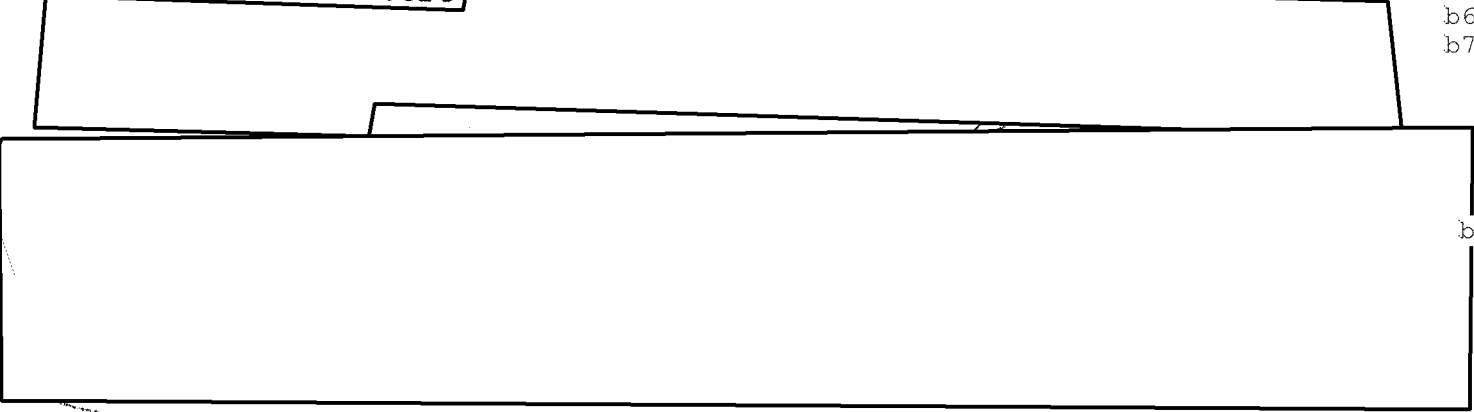
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MOORE, JR., AKA ROBIN MOORE

Moore was a graduate of Harvard University and reportedly interested in writing. Investigation in Concord did not develop any derogatory information.

In December, 1963, a source advised that Moore was preparing to leave for Saigon, Vietnam, to gather material for a book on the subject of U. S. Special Forces activities. This investigation disclosed that Moore



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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 4/29/65

FROM : Mr. D. J. Brennan, Jr. *DJB*

SUBJECT: "THE GREEN BERETS" BY ROBERT LOWELL
MOORE, JR., AKA ROBIN MOORE

Reference is made to my memorandum dated 4/23/65, concern-
the the forthcoming publication of the captioned book which portrays
activities of the U. S. Government in South Vietnam in an unfavorable
light.

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- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
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SYNOPSIS:

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- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - [Redacted]

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- 1 - Mr. Branigan
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THE BOOK

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This book was written by Robert Lowell Moore, Jr. who also uses the pen name of Robin Moore. According to the Army [redacted] Moore, a civilian, was permitted to receive training with the Army's "Special Forces" (specially trained men for guerilla and commando-type activities) at Ft. Bragg during the period June - December, 1963. He participated in all of the training including parachute jumping and in Jan., 1964, he departed for South Vietnam in the role of a correspondent. For a period of six months in South Vietnam he moved about the country and joined the Special Forces in several operations. He then returned and began writing his book which is to be published by the Crown Publishing Company and which is scheduled to appear on the stands sometime in May, 1965.

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MOORE JR AKA BOB MOORE

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PRESENT STATUS OF THE BOOK

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THE AUTHOR - ROBERT LOWELL MOORE JR AKA BOB MOORE

Moore was born 10/31/25, the son of Robert Lowell and Eleanor Turner Moore. He graduated from Harvard in 1949, married [redacted] in 1952 and divorced her in 1956. He served as a European correspondent for the Boston Globe in 1947, served as a television producer in New York City, 1949 - 1952, and since 1952 has been connected with the Sheraton Corporation of America (hotel chain). Moore's father reportedly was the founder of this corporation. Moore has handled public relations and advertising matters for the firm and in addition has done writing in his spare time. He resides at Concord, Massachusetts and his office is located at 470 Atlantic Ave., Boston, Mass. He is a member of several social clubs in New York City and in Boston and has occasion to spend considerable time in Jamaica where he owns real estate.

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Moore claims that in 1962 he met/President Johnson in Jamaica and at that time he was also introduced to a Colonel [redacted] described as an aide to President Kennedy. Moore has indicated that as a result of this initial meeting, he was able to establish contact with the White House who assisted him in establishing contact with people in the Pentagon. Through these contacts, arrangements were made to take the training with the Special Forces at Fort Bragg.

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REVIEW OF BUREAU FILES

In 1963, the Bureau developed information indicating that Moore, described as a wealthy young man and writer, was in contact with a representative of the Junta Revolucionaria Cubana (JURE), an anti-Castro organization. The Cubans were negotiating with Moore in an effort to utilize his property in Jamaica for operations to be directed against the Castro Government. Bureau source [redacted]

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[redacted] This investigation further indicated that Moore's attorney was a New York socialite named [redacted]. A source reported on 12/12/63, that Moore had just been to Washington, D. C., and had been in contact with one Colonel [redacted] whom the source identified as a military aide to President Johnson. According to the source, he was informed by Moore that he had attended the Special Forces school at Fort Bragg, North Carolina and that President Johnson wanted him to travel to Vietnam in order to write a book on the Special Forces operations in that country. At that time Moore indicated to the source that he already had written a book on Cuba entitled "The Devil To Pay."

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In January - February, 1964, we made some inquiry concerning Moore's background in view of the reported connection with JURE. The Chief of Police in his home town, Concord, Mass., described Moore as a Director of the Sheraton Hotel Systems, a member of a fine American family and an individual of excellent reputation. He stated that

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: May 4, 1965

FROM : D. J. Brennan, Jr.

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